

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19 and 20 are pending in the present application. In a Final Office Action mailed February 11, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17, 19, and 20. Since prosecution is now closed, Applicant submits herein a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including a submission consisting of an amendment to the claims which Applicant now asserts patentably distinguish the invention over the cited prior art.

The Examiner objected to the Specification, alleging that the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicant herein amends the title of the invention to DOOR AND FRAME FOR AIR HANDLING UNIT WITH GASKET WITH ANTI-ROLL EXTENSIONS.

Further, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over admitted prior art in Fig. 1 in view of McDonald and Ryan. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as prospectively applied to the amended claims.

For a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) to be proper, both references when combined must disclose every element and limitation of the claim to which the references are applied. As to amended claim 1, the cited references do not teach a door and frame combination for an air handling unit wherein the door and frame can withstand a pressure differential greater than about six inches of air pressure. Accordingly, a rejection as obvious under § 103(a) is inapposite. Claim 1 is therefore allowable.

Claims 2-4 and 8 contain additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 1 and are also allowable.

Claims 9-11 are allowable for the reasons given above in regard to claim 1.

Claim 15 contains additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 9 and is also allowable.

Further, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over admitted prior art in Fig. 1 in view of McDonald and Ryan as applied to claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15, and further in view of Colliander.

Claim 5 contains additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 1 and is also allowable.

Claim 12 contains additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 9 and is also allowable.

Further, the Examiner rejected claims 6, 7, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over admitted prior art in Fig. 1 in view of McDonald and Ryan as applied to claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15, and further in view of Jansen.. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as prospectively applied to the amended claims.

Claims 6 and 7 contain additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 1 and are also allowable.

Claims 13 and 14 contain additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 9 and are also allowable.

Further, the Examiner rejected claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over admitted prior art in Fig. 1 in view of McDonald and Ryan as applied to claims 1-4, 8-11 and 15, and further in view of Colliander and

Jansen. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as prospectively applied to the amended claims.

Claim 16 is allowable for the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 17, 19, and 20 contain additional elements or limitations beyond allowable claim 16 and are also allowable.

New claim 21 herein submitted is allowable over the cited references since none of the cited references disclose a door and frame combination for an air handling unit wherein the door and frame can withstand a pressure differential of greater than about six inches of air pressure.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

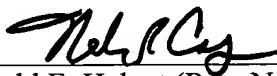
CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's remarks, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections, and passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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